

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1533 - HB 1390

February 25, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires counties and municipal governments to implement solid waste hauling contracts and also provides that counties must require Class IV landfills to source separate wood, metal, cardboard and other reusable materials before land filling.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000*

Assumptions:

- Local governments may incur additional costs by implementing solid waste hauling contracts with haulers.
- Local governments that own or operate Class IV landfills will have increased costs from additional handling and sorting.
- There are over 70 permitted construction and demolition debris landfills in the state and some may already sort and separate debris.
- Sorting and separating reusable material before land filling is labor-intensive and may require hiring of additional personnel.
- General laborers earn between \$18,000 and \$28,000, annually according to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
- Estimated cost - 70 construction and demolition debris landfills X \$18,000 (hiring one general laborer/landfill site).
- Construction and demolition debris landfill operators would incur an additional \$3-\$5 per ton and additional staff to comply with the bill and the cost will likely be passed through to local governments.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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